

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
HELD BY CONFERENCE CALL
May 11, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia held a special meeting via conference call on Friday, May 5, 2006. The Chair of the Board, J. Timothy Shelnut, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Present on that day, in addition to Chair Shelnut, were Regents Hugh A. Carter, Jr., Julie Ewing Hunt, Felton Jenkins, W. Mansfield Jennings, Jr., James R. Jolly, Doreen Stiles Poitevint, Willis J. Potts, Jr., Wanda Yancey Rodwell, Benjamin J. Tarbutton III, and Richard L. Tucker.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

The attendance report was read on Friday, May 5, 2006, by the Associate Secretary to the Board, Jennifer E. Fairchild-Pierce, who announced that Vice Chair Patrick S. Pittard and Regents William H. Cleveland, Michael J. Coles, Robert F. Hatcher, Donald M. Leebern, Jr., Elridge W. McMillan, and Allan Vigil had asked for and been given permission to be absent on that day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

After the meeting was called to order, Chair Shelnut called for an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the presidential search for Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College ("ABAC"). With motion properly made and variously seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to go into Executive Session. Those Regents were as listed above. Also in attendance were Chancellor Erroll B. Davis, Jr.; the Senior Vice Chancellor for Support Services, Corlis Cummings; the Secretary to the Board, Gail S. Weber; the Associate Secretary to the Board, Jennifer E. Fairchild-Pierce; and the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Strategic Communications, John Millsaps. In accordance with H.B. 278, Section 3 (amending O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4), an affidavit regarding this Executive Session is on file with the Chancellor's Office.

In Executive Session, Regent Hunt, Chair of the Special Regents Committee for the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College Presidential Search, along with Committee members Regents Carter and Jolly, discussed the finalists for the ABAC presidency. The Chancellor recommended that Dr. David C. Bridges be named as the next President of ABAC. Regent Hunt made the motion, which was seconded by Regent Carter and unanimously approved.

OPEN SESSION

At approximately 8:25 a.m., Chair Shelnut reconvened the Board in its regular session and asked that the full Board reaffirm the action to appoint Dr. David C. Bridges as President of ABAC. Motion properly made, seconded, and unanimously adopted, the Board approved the appointment.

Chair Shulnut also asked for a motion to award Dr. Bridges the rank of full professorship without tenure. Motion properly made, seconded, and unanimously adopted, the Board approved the appointment.

Next, Chair Shelnut asked the Board to reaffirm the action taken in Executive Session on May 5, 2006, to appoint Dr. Torri Lilly as President of South Georgia College. Regent Jennings made the motion, which was seconded by Regent Hunt and unanimously approved.

The Senior Vice Chancellor for Support Services, Corlis Cummings, stated that the Board needed to waive Section 202 G of The Policy Manual, which requires that not less than five unranked candidates to be presented to the Special Regents Committee. She noted that the Committee had only received three finalists for the position. Motion properly made, seconded, and unanimously adopted, the Board approved the waiver of Section 202 G of The Policy Manual.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 a.m. on May 11, 2006.

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Gail S. Weber
Secretary, Board of Regents
University System of Georgia

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J. Timothy Shelnut
Chair, Board of Regents
University System of Georgia